Applications open from Wednesday, December 7, 2022, to Friday, February 3, 2023, at 5pm PT/8pm ET.

Home to one of the largest life sciences practices in the U.S., Wilson Sonsini is the premier provider of legal services to thousands of innovation-focused life sciences enterprises worldwide. The firm is excited to announce its inaugural 1L Life Sciences Summit. The summit will bring together law students from across the country with interest and/or experience in the life sciences. The event will be held over the course of two days: beginning late afternoon on Thursday, March 23, 2023, and all-day Friday, March 24, 2023, in our Boston, Massachusetts office.

The summit will introduce 1L students to the firm’s diversity of life sciences practice areas to help students explore how they can leverage their life sciences backgrounds and interests in their future legal careers. During the summit, you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet attorneys from our Patents & Innovations, Patent Litigation, Technology Transactions, and Corporate practices
- Hear from our clients and lawyers about their different career paths in the industry
- Take an in-depth look at what each of these life sciences practice areas entail
- Practice the art of networking with attorneys and students who share an affinity for the life sciences

You will also be matched with an attorney mentor and invited to virtual professional development trainings and a mock interview program following the summit. Professional development trainings include sessions on building your personal brand, networking in a hybrid world, and tailoring your resume.

As part of your application, you will be asked to indicate which of our offices and life sciences practice areas you are most interested in learning about. These initial interest selections will assist us in tailoring our programming; however, we understand that your interests may change as you explore various practice areas at the summit. Learn more about our Patents & Innovations, Patent Litigation, Technology Transactions, and Corporate Life Sciences practices in our Life Sciences Office and Practice Overview. Please note that students who select Patents & Innovations as their area of interest must be patent-bar eligible in accordance with USPTO guidelines.

What Do We Mean by “Life Sciences”?

Life sciences is a broad category which encompasses a variety of disciplines. Examples of life sciences fields include, but are not limited to, biological sciences, chemistry, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and healthcare. If you’re interested in the intersection of those fields with law, this summit is for you!

Eligibility

First-year law students enrolled at ABA-accredited law schools are eligible to apply. Pre-law students with life sciences backgrounds who have been admitted to ABA-accredited law schools will also be considered.
Application

To apply, please complete the 1L Life Sciences Summit Online Application. The following items will be required for your application:

1. Your resume.

2. Your undergraduate, graduate (if applicable), and first semester/quarter law school transcript as soon as it becomes available. You will receive instructions on how to submit your law school transcript through a separate link. Pre-law candidates do not need to submit a law school transcript.

3. The completion of an assessment using Suited. In order to provide us with a more holistic view of your candidacy, we invite you to complete an A.I. powered assessment tool that allows us to discover talent on an equitable basis. Please click the link above to get started. The assessment should take no longer than 30 minutes.

   Please note that the first portion of the assessment is timed. If you believe you will require a reasonable accommodation to complete the assessment, do not click the link above. Instead, send an email to support@wellsuited.com to request the accommodation. Suited will keep your request and any information you provide completely confidential.

Additionally, you may optionally submit a brief (300 word maximum) personal statement detailing any relevant background you have in the life sciences and/or your reasons for pursuing a life sciences practice.

Timeline

December 7, 2022 – Applications open
February 3, 2023 – Applications close
February 20 - February 24, 2023 – Applicants notified and travel arrangements made
March 23 and March 24, 2023 – Wilson Sonsini 1L Life Sciences Summit

Travel and Costs

Travel and reasonable related expenses including transportation, lodging, and meal costs for the students selected to attend will be covered by Wilson Sonsini in accordance with our travel policies. Currently, any individuals who visit firm offices, or attend firm events must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. You will be asked to attest to your vaccination status if you are selected to participate in the summit, and we encourage anyone who has not already done so to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact lawstudents@wsgr.com.